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SUBJ: MEDIATION OF MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT NOONTIME TODAY (DEC 27) BY PRESIDENTS LAMIZANA, TRAORE, KOUNTCHE AND EYADEMA AT CLOSE OF QUADRILATERAL TALKS ON MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE. COMMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

2. "THE PRESIDENTS

-EL HADJ ABOUBAKAR SENGOULE LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA,

-MOUSSA TRAORE OF MALI,

-SEYNI KOUNTCHE OF NIGER, AND

-GNASSINGBE EYADEMA OF TOGO,

MET THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1974 AT LOME TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO BROTHER COUNTRIES OF UPPER VOLTA AND MALI.

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"AFTER A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THIS SITUATION, THEY DECIDED
ON THE CREATION OF A MEDIATION COMMISSION COMPOSED OF:

-TOGO, CHAIRMAN
-NIGER, RAPPORTEUR
-GUINEA, MEMBER
-SENEGAL, MEMBER

WITH THE FOLLOWING AIMS:

- 1) TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE NATIONALS OF EACH OF THE
STATES IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER, AS WELL AS THEIR PROPERTY;
- 2) TO VERIFY THE EFFECTIVE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES FROM THE ZONE WHICH HAS BEEN MADE THE OBJECT OF CONFLICT;
- 3) TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE BORDER DISPUTE ON THE BASIS OF
EXISTING LEGAL DOCUMENTS.

"THIS COMMISSION SHOULD BEGIN ITS TASKS WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE
DELAY AND SHOULD REPORT TO THE CHIEFS OF STATE WHO CREATED IT.

"THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF UPPER VOLTA AND MALI HAVE AGREED TO PUT
AN IMMEDIATE END TO RECIPROCAL ATTACKS BY THE PRESS, WRITTEN
AND SPOKEN (I.E., MEDIA).

"THEY LAUNCH AN URGENT APPEAL FOR CALM TO THEIR NATIONALS IN
EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES.

"THE FOUR CHIEFS OF STATE CONGRATULATED THEMSELVES ON THE
ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE AUTHENTICALLY AFRICAN
SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY WHICH REIGNED OVER THE DISCUSSIONS.

"THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF UPPER VOLTA AND MALI THANKED THEIR
COUNTERPARTS AND BROGHERS OF NIGER AND TOGO FOR THEIR FELICITIOUS
INITIATIVE AND THEIR EFFORTS WHCIH HAVE ONCE AGAIN ALLOWED
AFRICA TO AVOID A USELESS TEARING ASUNDER.

"THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF UPPER VOLTA, MALI AND NIGER THANKED
THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE, THEIR PARTY, THEIR GOVERNMENT AND THEIR
PRESIDENT, GEN GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, FOR THE FRATERNAL AND
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WARM WELCOME WHICH THEY AND THEIR PARTIES RECEIVED IN LOME.
DONE AT LOME, DECEMBER 27, 1974."

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